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MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Tippah Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

MOUNT MORIAH CHURCH,

Tippah Cnunty, Miss.

September 24th, 25th and 27th, 1875.

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MINUTES.

TIPPAH COUNTY, MISS., FRIDAY,
September 24, 1875.

The Tippah Baptist Association held its Thirteenth Annual Session with Mt. Moriah church, commencing Friday before the 4th Sunday in September 1875.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. D. Anderson from 2d Cor. 4 : 5.

After an intermission of one hour the Association was called to order by the Clerk, Elder A. G. Parrott, the Moderator being absent, Elder M. P. Lowrey was elected Moderator *pro tem.* Prayer by Elder W. D. Lancaster.

Elder J. W. Sanford and brother R. E. Whitten were appointed reading clerks.

Letters were received and read, and delegates seated from the following churches, viz:

Academy, Antioch, Beulah, Bethlehem, Canaan, Clear Creek, Chewalla, Fellowship, Flat Rock, Hamilton, Harmony, Macedonia, Mt. Moriah, New Bethel, New Hope (Tenn.,) New Hope [Miss.,] New Prospect, Pine Grove, Pleasant Hill, (Benton,) Pleasant Hill [Tippah], Pleasant Grove, Pleasant Ridge, Providence, Ripley, Ruckersville, Shady Grove, Union.

Association then proceeded to permanent organization by electing Elder M. P. Lowrey, Moderator; J. J. Guyton, Treasurer; and Thos. Spight, Clerk.

Elder J. W. Harris and brother C. E. Gurney acted as tellers.

The pastor and deacons of Mt. Moriah church, and brethren A. B. Waldron and M. C. Selph were appointed a committee on Devotional Exercises.

Committee on Order of Business—Elder L. P. Cossitt and Brethren E. T. Doyle and J. F. Autry.

Committee on Sabbath-schools—Elders W. J. Kirtland and M. Gillion, and Bro. J. A. Skinner.

Committee on Ministerial Education—Elders J. W. Sanford and W. D. Lancaster, and Bro. Lemuel Hutchins.

Committee on Domestic Missions—Elder L. P. Cossett, and Brethren J. F. Quinn and Wm. Aldridge.

Committee on Foreign Missions—Elder J. D. Anderson, and Brethren J. B. Nance and R. S. Smith.

On motion, a special Committee on the Centennial question was appointed, as follows: Elder J. W. Sanford, and Brethren J. C. Gadd and R. E. Whitten, and the report of the Committee, made the special order for 1 o'clock, P. M., to-morrow.

It was agreed that the Association adjourn each day at 11 o'clock, A. M., to hear preaching.

Correspondents were called for, when the following brethren came forward and were seated with us:

Unity Association—Elder J. W. Harris.

Central Centennial Committee Mississippi Baptist State Convention—Elder J. W. Sanford.

Association adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Elder L. P. Cossitt.

SATURDAY, Sept. 25, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder M. P. Lowrey.

Committee on order of Business reported as follows:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Read the Constitution, Abstract of Faith and Rules of Decorum.
2. Call for Correspondents.
3. Invite visiting brethren.
4. Appoint Correspondents.
5. Call for Reports.
6. Elect Executive Board.
7. Determine the place for holding the next meeting.
8. Eelect a minister to preach the next Introductory Sermon.
9. Miscellaneous business.
10. Call the Roll.

Respectfully submitted,

M. P. LOWREY, Chairman.

Correspondents were appointed, as follows:

Chichasaw Association—Elders J. W. Sanford, M. P. Lowrey,

J. E. Rogers and W. J. Kirkland, and Brethren J. C. Gadd and A. H. McAlister; meets with Bethel Church, seven miles east of Oxford, Miss., Friday before the 3rd Sunday in Sept., 1876.

Tishomingo Association—Elders J. D. Anderson, W. D. Lancaster, P. Scally, J. W. Sanford, W. J. Kirkland, M. P. Lowrey, W. E. Berry and W. L. Skinner, and Brethren A. B. Waldron and J. W. West; meets at Booneville, Miss., Thursday before the 1st Sunday in Sept., 1876.

Oxford Association—Brethren A. H. McAlister, T. W. Holcome and B. T. Kimbrough; meets Friday before 1st Sunday in October, 1876.

Judson Association—Elders W. J. Kirkland, M. P. Lowrey, J. W. Sanford and W. E. Berry, and Brethren J. J. Guyton and N. S. Watson.

Unity Association—Elders J. W. Cook and W. L. Skinner, and Brethren J. H. Garrett, J. A. Skinner and H. H. Ray; meets Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in Sept., 1876, at Pinson's Station, Tenn.

Big Hatchie—Elders M. P. Lowrey, M. Gillion and T. J. Valentine and brethren G. W. Garrett and E. D. Foster. Meets Saturday before the 4th Sunday in July 1876, at Stanton, Tenn.

Cold Water—Elders W. J. Kirkland and M. P. Lowrey, and brother J. W. Turner. Meets Friday before the 3d Sunday in October 1876, at Hernando, Miss.

Ripley (Colored)—Elders M. P. Lowrey, J. W. Sanford and J. D. Anderson, and brethren Thos. Spight, M. C. Selph and S. R. Spight.

Mississippi Baptist State Convention—Elders M. P. Lowrey, J. W. Sanford, J. D. Anderson, W. J. Kirkland, W. D. Lancaster, W. L. Skinner, W. E. Berry and J. E. Rogers, and Brethren M. C. Selph, Thomas Spight, A. H. McAlister and J. J. Guyton; meets Thurday before the 1st Sab. in July, 1876.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to prepare a letter of correspondence to appear in the minutes, and it was

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may be present at the meeting of any body with which this Association corresponds, shall be an accredited messenger.

Brother W. G. Dixon was received as correspondent from Tishomingo Association.

The Moderator announced the following additional committees:

Mississippi College—Elders J. D. Anderson and W. D. Lancaster. and brother J. D. Martin.

Publications—Brethren J. C. Gadd, and R. E. Whitten, and Elder P. Scally.

Finance—R. L. Hutchins, J. F. Autry, and M. Queen.

On motion, the following committee was appointed to report on the

Evils of Intemperance—Elder M. Gillion, and brethren E. T. Doyle and J. F. Ray.

The committee on Sunday-schools made the following report which was adopted:

We regret to hear from the reading of the letters from the different churches that so little is doing in the way of Sabbath-schools.

We believe this to be one of the great means in the hands of the church for the conversion of sinners. We deem it necessary for us to urge the importance of a lively Sabbath-school in evsry church. In order to excite an interest in this direction, the interest must commence in the church. We would urge upon each church of this Association to select from their midst delegates to represent them in a Sabbath-school Convention which meets with the church at Providence, Tippah county, Miss., on Thursday before the 5th Sunday in October 1875. Respectfully submitted, W. J. KIRKLAND, Cha'n.

On motion, adjourned to hear a sermon from Elder J. W. Sanford.

1 O'OCLOCK, P. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by brother W. R. Gurner.

The special Centennial Committee made the following report which was adopted:

REPORT OF CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE.

We, your committee on the Centennial work, beg leave to report:

In as much as we, as a nation, are approaching the centennial, or the one hundreth anniversary of our independence, and since we not only enjoy civil liberty, but also religious liberty and as the last hundred years is the only period of time since the days of our Savior that all denominations have been permitted to worship God according to the teachings of His word; and as Baptists have been the principle promoters of Religious Liberty and it is to them that America is indebted for religious freedom and untrammelled exercise of conscience in religion.

The denomination has determined to celebrate the coming centennial with a thank offering to God as a permanent endowment of our institutions of learning. And especially do we desire it to be a year of soul-felt gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the soul-freedom we enjoy, and for the advancement of Bible truths and Bible principle, not only with our own people but with all other evangelical denominations.

We would recommend all the pastors to post themselves and participate in this great movement; to attend centennial meetings and preach centennial sermons. Respectfully submitted, J. W. SANFORD, Cha'n.

The committee on Foreign Missions made their report, which was adopted:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The work at present is in a most prosperous condition. The devoted Missionaries in the field are having success, on account of which we should "thank God and take courage." Every heathen land is open to our missionaries, and we recognize it to be our duty to make every effort in our power to sustain the cause of our Savior in heathen lands.

Two things are necessary. First—More laborers; for these we should pray the Lord of the harvest to call others into this great field of labor.

And the second requisite is more money. Our missionaries must be supported. Their sacrifices in going to this field is enough without suffering on account of not being supported.

The 1st Sunday in Oct. has been appointed for prayer and collections for Foreign Missions. We would, therefore, recommend that every church in the Association either on the 1st Sunday in Oct. or some other Sunday before the close of the year, have a sermon on this subject and take up collections for the work.

We would also recommend every church to send up a contribution or pledge to the next meeting of the Association. J. D. ANDERSON, Cha'n.

The committee on Domestic Missions made the following report, which was adopted:

Of all the subjects which claim our attention as an Association, there is none perhaps that will compare in importance to that of Home Missions. How is it possible for those professing Christianity to be indifferent on this subject? Christianity originated in a mission, it has been extended to us by missions, and must, while time lasts, continue to breath the spirit of missions or it must die.

While, as an Association, we have done much in the way of Home Missions, there remains much to be done yet. The time for folding our hands is not yet. There is some destitution in the bounds of this Association, and there is much in our State. There is a large scope of country on the eastern side that is destitute.

Brethren, let us go forward until we can say that all in our State have heard the gospel. Respectfully, L. P. COSSITT, Cha'n.

On motion, the Association adjourned until 9 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by brother J. F. Autry.

MONDAY, 9 O'OCLOCK A. M.

Association was called to order by the Clerk in the absence of the Moderator, and on motion, proceeded to elect a Moderator pro tem., which resulted in the choice of Elder L. P. Cossitt. After prayer by Elder M. Gillion the Association proceeded to business.

Elder W. D. Mayfield was received as correspondent from the Southern Baptist Publication Society.

The committee on Ministerial Education made their report, which was adopted.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee on Ministerial Education would report:

That it is right and proper for us to favor and support Ministerial Education is a question that needs no longer to be debated. The fact is evident to us that the world is on the advance in the subject of education, and while the world and other denominations are progressing in this, we must not be behind. We cannot afford to be behind.

And by education we do not mean simple "school-going," for a man may be educated or educate himself, and go to school very little; yet, it is desirable for our brethren to avail themselves of the advantages offered in our schools and colleges.

We would recommend that contributions be made by brethren and churches for the purpose of aiding those who are worthy and unable to support themselves. We would suggest that great care be taken by the churches as to whom they recommend to be aided in securing an education, that they be known to be men of Grace and altogether worthy of the work.

J. W. SANFORD, Cha'n.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Moderator appoint a committee of three to take the work of Ministerial Education in hand, and raise means and devise plans for the education of every young minister in this Association.

The committee under this resolution, are Elder L. P. Cossitt, and brethren J. J. Guyton and Thos. Spight.

On motion, the Association adjourned to hear a sermon from Elder M. P. Lowrey.

1 O'CLOCK P. M.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder W. J. Kirkland.

The committee on Publications made their report, which was adopted:

We recommend the Holy Bible as the book of books. We are astonished

that the youth of our land know so little about the contents of the Bible. We venture the assertion that one half of the young men of our country, have never read the New Testament through. This ought not to be so. It is our imperative duty to teach it to them while young.

As a religious journal we recommend "The Baptist," published in Memphis, as being eminently sound in the faith, and worthy of the patronage of Baptists everywhere. Also Ford's Christian Repository, published in St. Louis, Mo.

"Kind Words," published in Macon, Ga., is a good Sunday-school paper.

Respectfully, S. C. GADD, Cha'n.

The committee on Mississippi College made their report, which was adopted:

We hail, with pleasure, the centennial movement which we feel will give to our College an excellent endowment fund.

We urge every Baptist in this Association to do all within his power for our College, from what the College has done for the denomination in the State. For several years it has given at least three thousand dollars per annum, free tuition, to those who were studying for the ministry, and to ministers sons.

We recognize Mississippi College as the most efficient agent in our State for the extention of the cause of Christ. Our College has come through years of severest trials; freed herself from debt, and raised an endowment fund of $50,000 00.

Let us unite with brethren from other Associations, in raising $150,000 00 additional. It is greatly needed. At present, our Professors work for less than half what they might receive in well endowed Colleges. We cannot make better use of our means than by giving to this institution.

This College is not excelled by any in the land as to grade of scholarship and excellency of discipline. We beg every Baptist in the bounds of this Association to give at least one dollar in the centennial movement, to this, our own beloved College.

We hope to see the day when the Baptists of this State will feel a special interest in Mississippi College. Respectfully submitted,

J. D. ANDERSON, Cha'n.

INTEMPERANCE.

The Committee on the evils of Intemperance made their report, which was adopted:

There is, doubtless, no evil in the land that is more injurious to the cause of Christ than the evil of intemperance. We have seen the results of this great evil in many of our communities It has brought shame and disgrace upon many of our most promising young men, who, by habitual dram-drinking, have brought themselves to the lowest depths of misery and degradation. It has sown the seeds of discord and confusion in many happy families, and many a fond mother's heart has been wounded on account of this great evil. We have seen the effects of this great evil, not only in our communities, but we have seen it invade even the church of Christ. The seeds of discord and confusion have been sown in the family of God, by its own professed friends and

members, becoming habitual dram-drinkers. Brethren, what are we doing to remove this evil from our midst? Shall we be still, and keep silent on this important subject, and let the cause of Christ suffer? God forbid. May we all rally to the support of the cause of Christ.

Respectfully, M. GILLION, Chairman.

The following resolution was offered and adopted.

Resolved, That we, as an Association, heartily endorse the Southern Baptist Publication Society, located at Memphis, Tenn., and would heartily express our high appreciation of the labors and success of the Society, and would recommend its publications as purely Christian in their tone, and Baptistic in their sentiment; and we welcome Bro. Mayfield, the efficient business manager of the Society, in our midst.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was adopted.

Your Committee received the following amounts from the various churches: Academy, $5.00; Ashland, $2 00; Antioch, $1 00; Beulah, $1.00; Bethlehem, $2.00; Canaan, $1.10; Chewalla, $2 00; Clear Creek, $1 30; Fellowship, $1.70; Flat Rock, 85c; Hamilton, $1.25; Harmony, $1 50; Macedonia, $1 70; Mt. Moriah, $3.75; New Bethel, $1.50; New Hope, (Miss.) $1.40; New Prospect, $1.00; Pine Grove, $2.00 Pleasant Hill, (Benton,) $2.00; Pleasant Hill, Tippah,) 65c; Pleasant Grove, 70c; Pleasant Ridge, $1 80 Providence, $1.00; Ripley, $2 55; Ruckersville, $1 00; Shady Grove, 75c; Union, $4 00; total, $46 50. Respectfully submitted,

R. L. HUTCHINS, Chairman.

The Executive Board made the following report, which was adopted:

The Executive Board have to report, that they have had no meeting during the year. There have been no funds in our hands, and consequently there has been no necessity for a meeting.

Respectfully, etc., THOS. SPIGHT, Chaiaman.

The Treasurer made the following report, which was agreed to:

J. J. GUYTON, Treasurer, in account with Tippah Association, for the year 1874 and 1875:

Dr.

	Received for Foreign Missions	$ 00 00
1874.	To balance on hand as per last report	15 05

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1874. Sept. 28,	By cash forwarded to State Board of Domestic Missions through Elder J. B. Gumbrell	5 05
" "	By cash paid Pisgah Church, sent through Elder W. J. Kirkland	10 00
	Total disbursed	$ 15 05

1874. For Orphans' Home:

Sept. 28, Received at Tippah Association	$ 7 50
" " " of Dr. A. H. McAlister	2 50
Total received	$10 00

1874. *Cr.*

Sept. 28, By cash sent to Orphans' Home through Bro. Joel Towers $ 10 00

1875. For Ministerial Education:

Received of Unity Church for Elder Skinner	10 00
" " Mrs. McAlister " " "	2 00
" " W. N. Stansel " " "	1 00
" " J. J. Guyton " " "	15 00
" " J. C. Mathis " " "	1 00
Total received	$29 00

1875. *Cr.*

By cash paid Elder W. L. Skinner $ 29 00

Respectfully submitted, J. J. GUYTON, Ch'm.

The Association then elected the following Executive Board: Thos. Spight, N. B. Leatherwood, R. E. Whitten and N. S. Watson.

Canaan, ten miles north of Ashland, Benton County, Miss., was elected as the next place of meeting, and Elder M. P. Lowrey was elected to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder J. W. Sanford, alternate.

The following resolutions were then adopted:

Resolved, That we hereby heartily recommend to all friends of Female Education, the Blue Mountain Female Institute, under the control of Elder M. P. Lowrey, as highly worthy of support and patronage, as being both a cheap and thorough institution of learning.

Resolved, That we hereby tender our thanks to the members of Mt. Moriah Church, and the people of the vicinity, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained us during the session of this body.

Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to superintend the printing of the minutes, and retain for his services, $10.00.

The roll was called.

The Moderator made a few appropriate remarks. Then, while singing a hymn, the brethren gave to each other the parting hand. M. P. LOWREY, Moderator.

THOS. SPIGHT, Clerk.

LETTER OF CORRESPONDENCE.

To the religious bodies corresponding with the Tippah Baptist Association:

DEAR BRETHREN—An interesting, and we trust profitable session of Tippah Association, was held with Mt. Moriah Church, Tippah county, Miss., commencing on Friday before the 4th Sunday in Sept., 1875. We trust that the churches composing our body, are doing efficient service for the Master. May the Lord bless you in every effort to do His will, and build up His cause, and may the same blessing rest upon us. M. P. LOWREY, Moderator.

THOS. SPIGHT, Clerk.

The following amounts were subscribed for Ministeral Education:

NAME.	AMOUNT.
J. W. Sanford	$10 00
L. P. Gossitt board for one, for two months, at B ue Mt'n Academy	20 00
J. D. Anderson " " " " " "	20 00
M. P. Lowrey " " " " " "	20 00
M. C. Selph " " " " " " "	20 00
N. E. Norris " " " " " " "	20 00
W. J. Kirkland " " " " " " "	20 00
Noah Vernor	$10 00
Thos Spight	5 00
W. N. Stnsell	5 00
Miss Lizzie Spight	5 00
R. S. Smith	5 00
J. M. Murphey	5 00
S. S. Bobo	5 00

UNION MEETING.

MINUTES OF THE MINISTERS AND DEACONS MEETING.

PISGAH CHURCH, TIPPAH COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

Met pursuant to adjournment on Thursday before the fourth Lord's day in July, 1875.

Elder W. J. Kirkland was called to the Chair and B. Johnson, clerk, pro tem.

Letters from the following churches were read:

Macedonia, Pine Grove, Shady Grove, Fellowship, Pisgah, and Clear Creek.

The body then proceeded to organize by the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Elder W. J. Kirkland Moderator; and B. Johnson, Clerk.

The following committees were appointed, to-wit:

Committee to arrange business—

Committee on devotional exercises—

The body then adjourned to meet on Friday at 9 o'clock.

Friday, July 23d, 1875.

The body met pursuant to adjournment, and after prayer by Elder W. J. Kirkland the body proceeded to business.

The minutes were read and approved.

The subject of Intemperance was taken up and discussed.

Essays were read, some discussion, and adopted.

The following queries were discussed:

Is man totally depraved? If so, how?

Is not dancing more detrimental to the cause of Christ than whiskey drinking? and should either be tolerated by the church?

On motion, the body adjourned to hear a sermon from Elder W. J. Kirkland. Prayer by brother J. M. Goolsby.

Friday, 2 o'clock P. M.

After prayer by L. T. Hale the body proceeded to business.

First—Selecting the time and place for holding the next Union Meeting. After some discussion, it was agreed to meet at Clear Creek church, on Thursday before the 4th Lord's day in July 1876. Introductory sermon to be preached by Elder W. J. Kirkland, Elder M. P. Lowrey, alternate.

The following persons were appointed to write essays:

Essay on Sabbath Schools—N. S. Watson.

Exigesis on the narrative of the unjust Steward—J. D. Anderson.

A call to the ministry—J. A. Emery.

Essay on inspiration of the Scriptures—B. Johnson.

Exigesis on Eph. 2 : 8—B. Johnson.

Essay on Intemperance—George Shackelford.

On Youthful Piety—Elbert Floyd.

QUERIES.

Is not the continual call for money detrimental to the cause of Christ.

Is man totally depraved?

The body then adjourned to meet with Clear Creek church, on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in July 1876.

W. J. KIRKLAND, Mod.

B. JOHNSON, Clerk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Sunday-school Convention of Tippah Association met with Providence church on Thursday before the 5th Lord's day in Oct. 1875.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder L. P. Cossitt. Subject—"The proper training of Children."

The meeting was pleasant and interesting, but only a few of the churches and Sunday-schools were represented.

The next session of this Convention will be held with Academy church, commencing Thursday before the fifth Lord's day in April 1876.

Introductory sermon to be preached by Elder J. W. Sanford, Elder M. Gillion, alternate.

Elder L. Ball is to preach a sermon on the proper observance of the Sabbath.

A number of brethren were appointed to write on subjects connected with the Sunday-school work.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That all the Sunday-schools in this Association be, and the same are hereby requestad to send their statistics to the next meeting of this Convention, and that the Association be requested to publish the same, and a synopsis of the meeting in the minutes.

Resolved, That all the churches in this Association, that have no Sunday-schools and their respective pastors, are hereby requested to make efforts to organize Sunday-schools, and have them represented in our next meeting.

Resolved, That all the pastors in the Association are hereby requested to attend our next meeting, and to urge their churches to send delegates.

NOTE—The Constitution of this convention allows one delegate from each church, and one from each Sunday-school.

L. P. COSSITT, Mod.

J. S. HORTON, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be called the TIPPAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ART. II. It shall be composed of persons who have been duly elected delegates by the respective churches belonging to this Union.

ART. III. The delegates representing the different churches, shall, at the opening of each Association, present the letters, specifying their appointment, and also showing the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored and dead, during the year, together with the whole number in fellowship.

ART. IV. Every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three delegates, until they number fifty members, and then one for each fifty above that number.

ART. V. Churches of this Union failing to represent themselves for three successive meetings, shall be considered as dropped by the Association.

ART. VI. New churches may be admitted into this body by signifying their wishes by letter and delegates, provided they be deemed orthodox, and are willing to walk in fellowship with us.

ART. VII. This body shall have a Moderator, Treasurer and Clerk, who shall be chosen at each annual meeting, (by private ballot,) so soon as letters from the churches are read and members' names enrolled.

ART. VIII. This body shall have no power to adopt rules that shall infringe upon the independence and rights of churches, yet it may drop such churches as become disorderly, either in doctrine or discipline.

ART. IX. This body shall have a fund for its expenses, and churches may send up funds for domestic or foreign missions, or for the Bible cause. This Association shall take charge of such funds and appropriate them as designated by the churches.

ART. X. If a church have a difficulty with another church, we advise her to take steps laid down in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew. And no difficulty between churches will be entertained by this body, unless such steps shall have been taken.

ART. XI. When churches of this Union have gifts they deem worthy of ordination, we advise them to call on sister churches for two or more ministers to set apart such gifts to the work of the gospel ministry, according to the New Testament; and we advise all Presbyteries in the ordination of ministers and deacons, and constitution of churches, to be govered by the Abstracts of Principles of this Association.

ART. XII. This Association will correspond with sister Associations of the same faith and order.

ART. XIII. The minutes of this body shall be read and corrected and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session rises. No session shall adjourn, unless in extraordinary cases, until it has finished all its business.

ART. XIV. The Association shall have an Executive Board, consisting of the Treasurer and four other members, who shall be chosen annually.

ART. XV. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting, by a majority of two-thirds of the members present.

ABSTRACTS OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in one only living and true God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

ART. 2. We believe the Bible to be the word of God, and it is our only rule of faith and practice.

ART. 3. We believe in the total depravity of human nature, and that man is dead in trespass and sin.

ART. 4 We believe that salvation is the gift of God, by grace through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and that sinners are justified in the sight of God alone by the "Imputed Righteousness of Jesus Christ, which is unto and with them that believe.

ART. 5. We believe in the doctrine of Election, that God has from the beginning chosen us to salvation through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth.

ART. 6. We believe that the Holy Spirit accompanies the word of God in the salvation of man in answer to the prayer of Christians.

ART. 7. We believe in the final perseverance of the saints, and that all who truly believe shall be eternally saved.

ART. 8. We believe that baptism is immerson alone, and that none but true believers are proper subjects of the ordinance, and that none but regularly baptized and ordained ministers have a right to administer it, and that it is a prerequisite to the Lord's Supper, and all who come to the Lord's table must come according to the Lord's word.

RULES OF ORDER.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

ART 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present, by private ballot.

ART. 3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided that appeal be made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, but not to vote, unless his vote be necessary to decide the question. If he rise to speak he shall call on some brother to take the chair.

ART. 5. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion, and, if seconded, shall be open for discussion unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays; and, if a call for a division be made, it shall be decided by the members rising.

ART. 6. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator.

Only one member shall be allowed to speak at the same time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject or make personal reflections.

ART. 7. No person shall speak more than once upon any subject until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject, without permission.

ART. 8. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be first decided before another shall be offered, unless it shall be laid over by motion, with the consent of the mover and Association.

ART. 9 The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception of churches, then a unanimous vote shall be required. "But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church without sufficient cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority"

ART. 10. The names of members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct, and the absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

ART. 11. The appellation of "brother" shall be used by the members in addressing each other.

ART. 12. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to be reproved by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

ART. 13. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules when a majority may deem it necessary.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTOR.	POST OFFICE.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Day of meeting	Baptism	Received by letter	Restored	Died	Dismissed by letter	Expelled	Total Fellowship
Academy	M. P. Lowrey	Orizaba, Miss,	M. P. Lowrey, J D. Anderson, D. Gambrel	1	5	2	...	...	6	3	149
Ashland	J. D. Anderson	Ashland, "		1	...	3	...	1	2	...	20
Antioch	P. Scally	Antioch, "	P. Scally, John Green	4	5	4	1	...	4	5	35
Beula	Isaac Smith	Beulah, "	D. L. Frazier, T. M. Frazier	1	10	8	...	2	2	7	90
Bethlehem	F. J. Valentine	Ashland, "	M. Queen, S. B. Hicks	1	...	...	...	1	4	...	76
Canaan	M. Gillion	Canaan, "	E. T. Doyle, M. Gillian	7	1	...	...	...	8	...	60
Chewalla	D R. Bryant	Holly Springs, "	J. W. Turner, F M. Vanderbury	4	2	1	...	...	4	...	40
Clear Creek	J. D Anderson	Dumar, "	Wm. Aldridge, John Smith	2	1	...	...	1	2	...	60
Fellowship	Jas. Boswell	Claysville, "	J. W. Hodges	2	19	1	...	...	...	...	128
Flat Rock	L. P. Cossit	Hickory Flat, "	J. C. Gadd	1	13	2	...	...	...	...	62
Hamilton	M. Gillion	Black Jack, "	J. A. Embry	3	...	...	...	1	...	2	43
Harmony	D. R. Bryant	Mitchell's Sta. "	J. F. Quinn, J S. King, Elisha Frazier	2	3	2	...		2	3	52
Macedonia	L. P. Cossitt	Blue Mt, "	L. P. Cossitt, M. C. Selph	4	13	4	...	1	...	...	136
Mt. Moriah	J. D. Anderson	Ripley, "	Thos. Spight, J. B. Nance, W. C. Johnson	4	...	3	2	..	...	...	38
New Bethel	M. Gillian	Ubet, Tenn	C. Saxten	2	...	...	...	...	2	1	36
New Hope, Miss	J. M. Horton	Ashland, Miss.	T. E. Allison, F. H. Norton	4	1	4	1	2	8	...	77
New Hope, Tenn	J M. Horton	Big Hill, Tenn	J Scott, C W. Wooten	2	...	1	...	...	3	...	24
New Prospect	J. M. Horton	Pocahontas Tenn	F. Morphis, J. Stewart	1	1	2	...	1	3	1	17
Pine Grove	L. P. Cossitt	Pine Grove, Miss.	W. J. Kirkland, L. F Hale, J. A. Johnson	3	14	2	3	5	2	1	97
Pisgah		Ripley, "	Not represented	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	36
Pleasant Hill, (Benton)	J. D. Anderson	Ashland, "	J. D. Morton, J. F. Autry	1	...	2	1	...	15	1	68
Pleasant-Hill, (Tippah)	——, Harris.	Ruckersville, "	A. B. Waldron, J. A. Skinner	3	...	1	...	...	6	...	60
Pleasant Grove	W. D. Lancaster	Tiplerville, "	D. T. Rich, David Thompson, D. Archer	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	37
Pleasant Ridge	M. Gillion	Saulsbury, Tenn	M. A. Rich	1	10	1	...	...	1	2	56
Pocahontas		Pocahontas, Tenn	Not represented	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	21
Providence	W. D. Lancaster	Ruckersville, Miss.	W. D. Lancaster, G. W. McDowell	4	6	7	...	1	4	...	68
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Ruckersville	D. R. Bryant	Ruckersville, "	Turner Mathis	3	...	5	...	...	6	..	61
Shady Grove	L. P. Cossitt	Ripley, "	W. C. Graves, Elbert Floyd	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	44
Union	M. P. Lowrey	Jonesboro, "	J. T. Ray, R S Smith	3	14	1	...	...	2	1	134
Unity		Gr'd Junction. Tenn.	Not represented	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	41
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